(c) During 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto December, 1993), the number of prosecution launched and conviction awarded are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Number of Prosecutions Launched and Convictions Awarded

Year	*Prosecution launched*	*Convictions*
1991-92	552	56
1992-93	442	58
1993-94 (upto December 1993)	273	82

Basis of E.C. allocation of urea

5059. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the basis of E.C. allocation of urea to different manufactures in the country ;

(b) whether it is a fact that freight is borne by Government for transportation of the fertilizer and a lot of amount is spent for transportation from far away places when urea fertilizer is available at near places ; and

(c) what steps Government is taking for rationalizing the E.C. allocation to avoid wasteful expenditure on freight ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) Allocation of urea from manufacturers to states is made keeping in view the following broad principles :

(i) By and large, no State is made dependent on one manufacturer for supply of urea and no manufacturer is made dependent on one State for marketing its urea : and

(ii) criss-cross movement of urea and movements involving long haulages are avoided to the extent possible. Rationalisation is a continuous process and in order to minimise transportation post, Government pays a single equated freight for indigenously produced urea and a normative freight for imported urea moved from production centres/ ports to States under allocation.

Cotton production in Punjab

5060. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the cotton production in the State of Punjab in the present year ;

(b) whether there is any fall in production. if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is all time record of high cotton prices in Punjab this year ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the benefit of the high prices has not fully gone to farmers and instead has gone to the middle men and the mill owners ; and

(e) what steps Government is taking to watch the interest of farmers in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) According to present assessment the production of cotton in Punjab during 1993-94 is likely to be about 17.27 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each.

(b) Yes, Sir. The fall in the production of cotton in Punjab during 1993-94 is attributed to pests (Heliothis) attack.

(c) The wholesale prices of cotton on the whole in Punjab during 1993-94 was quoted much higher than the preceding years.

(d) and (e) The prices of kapas (raw cotton) have been continuously ruling at higher level that the minimum support prices from the beginning of the cotton season and therefore, the farmers are expected to have received the benefit of the higher prices.

Construction of Warehouse etc. at baramat by CWC

5061. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state